

Boost Grant Project Overview

The Online Boost Project is designed to enhance skills and proficiency on the use of online resources for community or neighborhood groups with workshops, mentorship and seed funding to implement and/or increase their web presence. Working with the Seattle Communities Online initiative, we are seeking opportunities to enhance:

- Increased awareness of community issues;
- Increased community participation in problem solving; and
- Increased interaction with government.

As an Online Boost grantee, you will have access to:

- Up to \$1000 in matching grants for a quick, specific project to be completed within 3 months.
- Workshop (required in order to receive funding) where you would leave the workshops know what resources are out there, what your plan of action will be, and how to go about implementing your project successfully.
- Mentorship and networking opportunities with other project grantees.

Who Can Apply?

The Online Boost Grant is open to formal and informal non-profit neighborhood and community groups who draw their membership from commonly recognized geographic neighborhoods in Seattle. If your group does not have a tax identification number, you must use a fiscal sponsor for funding requests of \$600 or more.

How to Apply

There are two parts to the funding process for the Online Boost Grant. First, interested groups must submit an online application using the City of Seattle's Webgrants system. If you have not registered on this system, you must do so prior to submitting an application. Once your registration is complete, you will have access to the online application. Applications are due **Tuesday, July 12, 2011.**

Once we receive your application, it will be rated and if selected, will be conditionally pre-approved for funding. The second part of the funding process is to attend a 2.5 hour workshop on **Wednesday July 27 or Tuesday August 2, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM.** Here you will have an opportunity to learn more about online social/community organizing and the tools that will help you to reach your goals. You will also be able to network with other applicants who may

be working on similar projects. Once you have completed this workshop you will have an opportunity to amend your project plan based upon what you have learned.

After reviewing and implementing any changes you may have submitted to your project scope, we will complete the contract and send to you for your signature. We anticipate that projects will be countersigned and fully funded by **August 12**. All projects must be completed by to be completed by three months after the contracts are in place.

For more information, visit <http://www.seattle.gov/seattlecommunitiesonline/boost.htm>. Here you will find a link to the application and other resources that may help you in your application.

Important Dates:

- **Tuesday, July 12 – Online Boost Applications Due**
- **Wednesday July 27 or August 2, 6:00-8:30 PM – Workshops**
- **Friday, August 12 – Agreements Completed and Funds Distributed**